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Sir:

The following is submitted in accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.97-1.98 and the provisions of MPEP §§ 609 and 707.05 (b). The following list of art is already of record and fully discussed in the parent case, U.S. Application No. 10/243,626, filed September 13, 2002, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/322,074, filed September 14, 2001, and therefore, copies are not attached. The references and information are listed below and on attached form PTO-1449.



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Applicants submit this statement in accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Applicants respectfully request that the documents cited herein be made of record in the normal manner and that such documents appear on the printed patent as being considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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